

Unfriendly Act, Says Carranza, if Uncle Sam Tries to Prevent Firing Across Mexican Line

MAKES DEFANT ANSWER TO TRANSACTIONS IN STOCKS DEMANDS OF UNITED STATES REACH MILLION DOLLARS

Repudiates Responsibility for
Any Shots That Have
Crossed the Border.

DENIES BRYAN'S HOLDING

Use of Force Would Be Taken
as a Hostile Act against
Constitutionalists.

VERA CUIUS, Dec. 12.—If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act.

In this manner General Carranza made answer in a statement to the Associated Press to the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Repudiates Responsibility.
Carranza's reply to the American note, which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will be in general a repudiation of responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile and unfriendly act.

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note, in which attention was called to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the town on the northern side of the line, has General Carranza appeared perturbed but he has had long conferences with those close to him and in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

Back to the Line.
"General Hill, who is commanding the Constitutional forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing in question. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been the attacking army and therefore it appears reasonable that they and only they could have been to blame."

"As a matter of fact I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the state department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility."

"I remember instances at El Paso, where the Maderista forces were at-

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PRZASNYSZ REALLY TAKEN BY GERMANS

Which Fact Shows They Have
Begun An Active Offensive
North of the Vistula.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—By wireless Occupation of the city of Przasnysz by the German forces which have been advancing on Warsaw from the north recently reported unofficially was said definitely by the official press bureau today to have been accomplished.

"This is the most important factor in the latest development from the eastern theater of war," the press bureau statement continues, "and while in itself it is not important it shows that the Germans have begun active offensive operations north of the Vistula. Przasnysz lies on the direct line of communication between Willenberg, East Prussia, and Warsaw. This shows that the advance is directed against the fortified line along the Narow river. If this line were broken the Germans would be

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SERVIANS REPULSE AUSTRIAN FORCES

With Heavy Losses at Kosmaj.
Thirty Miles South of the
City of Belgrade.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Telegraphing from Nish, Serbia, the correspondent of the Havas News Agency reports that the Serbians have repulsed an Austrian force with heavy losses at Kosmaj, thirty miles south of Belgrade. The message says:

"Heavy fighting continues with large Austrian forces at Kosmaj to the south of Belgrade and to the north of Milanovatz."

"Attacks made by the Austrians on Kosmaj December 9 were repulsed with heavy losses. The Austrians retreated, leaving 2,500 bodies on the battlefield."

"Along the remainder of the front in Serbia the Austrians are retreating in the direction of Mokra, Gordina, Bachea, Rojatzitz, Kotseloz and Oub."

"Thirty-five Austrian officers, 4,000 soldiers and a military band were made prisoners by the Serbians."

SQUARELY BEFORE HOUSE GO ISSUES

DOYLE TELLS
OF HIS TRIALS
IN COLORADO

For Contempt of Court on
Charges of Violating In-
junction against Miners.

CALLS THEM FARCICAL

And Tells Federal Commission
That There Was No Jury
to Hear Evidence.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 12.—Edward L. Doyle, secretary-treasurer of District 15, United Mine Workers of America, testified before the federal commission on industrial relations today.

Doyle told of his trials for contempt of court on charges of violating the injunction against the northern Colorado coal miners, which, he said, "prevented them from doing anything but sleeping and eating." The trials, he said, were "farcical" and there was no jury. Doyle testified he was sentenced to a year in jail and a fine the first time but was released before the appeal could be heard by the supreme court. The witness said he had been offered his freedom after his second conviction if he would make an apology for the articles he had written for the official organ of the United Mine Workers.

Concerning statements in the Union Bulletin, Doyle was questioned in detail. Some statements he was able to confirm but others he was unable to give authority for. He declared in his opinion statements that accused Major Hamrock and Lieutenant Lindbergh of deliberately attacking the Ludlow tent colony were accurate. A list of union men said to have been beaten up by mine guards and deputy sheriffs in Huerfano and Laramie counties since 1904 was read by Doyle.

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National Representatives Are
to Vote on Prohibition and
Woman Suffrage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The issues of national prohibition and woman suffrage will be placed squarely before the House of Representatives as a result of action taken today by the House rules committee, when it decided to report special rules for the consideration of constitutional amendments on both subjects. Incidentally the committee put an end to all hope of an extended holiday recess.

Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, asserted the rule on the Hobson prohibition resolution would be presented December 22 and that the resolution after eight hours of debate would be pressed to a vote on that date. The suffrage resolution, he said, would follow immediately.

Members of the House who were anxious to get away for a Christmas recess construed the committee's action as evidence of a determination by Democratic leaders to limit the Christmas holidays to two or three days.

Prohibition and suffrage supporters immediately began to line up their forces for the coming encounter. Members who had determined to go home for Christmas whether Congress adjourned or not revised their program.

As framed by Representative Hobson the prohibition bill would prohibit the sale, manufacture or importation and exportation for sale of "intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof forever."

The suffrage amendment would declare that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.

GERMAN PRESS IS DISPLE

Over Sudden Change in Military
Leadership and Intimate
Fuss with Kaiser.

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 12.—German newspapers just received here show that the German press, although prohibited, strictly from criticizing any acts of the government during the war, is much displeased by the sudden change in the leadership of the German military forces. They state that Count von Moltke has been "politely sidetracked" as chief of the general staff and that supreme command has been given to a "war minister, whose behavior towards the Reichstag in the Zabern incident was insulting."

In the short biographies of Major General von Falkenhayn, which the newspapers are permitted to print, they refer in the most guarded way to what they term is failure up to the present time in the operations on the western front.

It is intimated by these newspapers that there has been friction between Emperor William and Count von Moltke owing to a difference of opinion concerning the conduct of the campaign in the west; it being understood that while von Moltke favored energetic operations against the French center the emperor was strongly inclined toward pushing the advance in the direction of Calais.

TURKS PROMISE

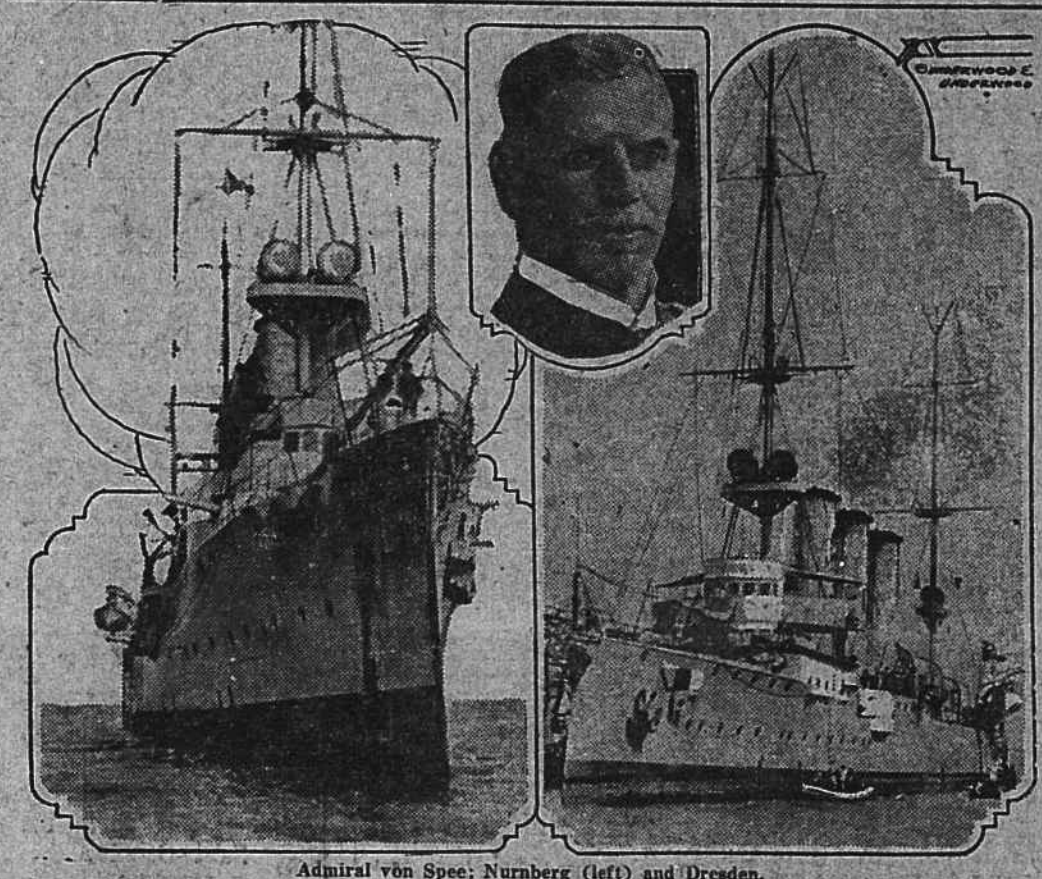
To Investigate Forcible Removal
of British Consul from
An Italian Consulate.

LONDON, Dec. 12, 3:02 a. m.—A Rome despatch says that in reply to an interpellation regarding the forcible removal of the British consul, G. A. Richardson, from the Italian consulate at Hodeida, Barron Sonino, the Italian foreign minister, said the Ottoman government had promised to investigate the affair as soon as it was able to communicate with the authorities at that place. It also promised to give due satisfaction.

DRESDEN STRANDS.

(Associated Press Bulletin.)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 12.—The German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron engaged by the British warships off Falkland Islands and which took to flight, has stranded on the Argentine coast near the port of Calafate.

LOSS OF NURNBERG AND DRESDEN FINISHES VON SPEE'S FLEET



The sinking of the cruiser Nurnberg and the bottling up of the cruiser Dresden in the Straits of Magellan marked the end of the little German fleet which was terrorizing English merchant vessels in the south Atlantic. Admiral von Spee went down with his flag ship, the Scharnhorst, in the naval battle off the Argentine coast on December 8.

DESTROYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Colonel Goethals Sends Urgent
Request for Naval Vessels
Immediately.

NEUTRALITY OF CANAL

Thought to Be Menaced and
Governor is Not Able to
Check Use of Wireless.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the canal zone immediately, it was learned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once, but no answer had been received. Colonel Goethals at a late hour.

Officials believe the canal governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity and it is thought possible Colonel Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plant within the three mile limit to convey information to warships at sea. With swift naval

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RUSSIAN LOSS HUGE AT LODZ

Berlin Says It Amounted to
150,000 Men Exceeding
Route of Zannenberg.

BERLIN, via London, 8:30 p. m., Dec. 12.—In the battles around Lodz in Russian Poland the Russians suffered greater losses than they did in their defeat at Tannenberg. East Prussia, according to a statement issued by the German official press bureau today, announcing the evacuation by the Russians of the city of Lodz. The statement reads:

"The evacuation of Lodz took place secretly in the middle of the night and remained unnoticed by us at first but it was the result of the previous three days' battle. In these engagements the Russians suffered severely from the fire of our artillery. The trenches vacated by the Russians were literally filled with dead."

"Although we attacked our losses were much smaller than were those of the Russians. We lost comparatively few men killed."

"According to our estimates the Russians lost 150,000 men including 30,000 captured. The prisoners are now being taken to Germany."

"The town of Lodz suffered little damage."

MINER'S HEAD IS CUT OFF BY CAR

Is Mysteriously Lying on Track
with Head upon Rail When
Struck.

Witold Korycki was instantly killed at 9:25 o'clock Saturday evening when he was run over by a Despard car of the Monongahela Valley Traction company near the Phillips Street and Tin Plate Company's plant east of the city.

Korycki was an employee of the Central Fairmont Coal Company at its mines near the tin plate mills, and boarded at the home of a fellow countryman at the Columbia mine addition. He left his boarding house at 8 o'clock Saturday evening and was not seen from that time until he was killed.

D. A. Gardener, motorman on the car that killed Korycki, says that as his car was going down the grade after leaving the Tin Plate stop he saw the man lying on the track with his head over a rail. He tried to stop the car but before he got it stopped both wheels of the car had passed over him, cutting off his head and badly cutting him up.

Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, was notified of the accident and immediately started an investigation. Friends of Korycki fear that he met with foul play and that his body was left on the street car track to cover the crime. When Korycki left his boarding house he was sober and in good health and why he should have been lying on the street car track in a stupor an hour and twenty-five minutes later is more than they can understand. Another theory is that the man may have deliberately committed suicide.

The deceased man was single and as far as can be found out he had no relative in this section of the country.

HANGING BEE

In Arizona's Penitentiary is
Called Off by Governor on
Account of Christmas.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—There will be no hangings of men at Florence penitentiary December 13. Six persons condemned by the action of electorates in voting November 3 against abolishment of capital punishment in Arizona want today the clemency of Governor Hunt.

In a statement announcing his decision to call off the proposed "hanging bee" December 13, Governor Hunt declared that to permit the executions would violate the spirit of Christmas.

PEACE TALK HURTS CAUSE OF GERMANY

As It is Likely to Be Taken As
An Indication Germany is
Exhausted by the War.

INJURES GERMAN CREDIT

Cologne Gazette Says Ameri-
can Opinion as Whole is En-
tirely to Great Britain.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 12, 9:50 p. m.—In a long article dealing with the possibility of the United States playing an important role in the conclusion of peace among the European powers, the Cologne Gazette says that the "peace movement in America is not inspired by Germany" and that "American bankers with German means in urging the desirability of peace render a doubtful service to Germany."

Such language, the newspaper says, is likely to be misconstrued as an indication that Germany is exhausted by the war and it adds that such notions only tend to injure German credit with neutral states.

Despite all friendliness with America the Cologne Gazette continues Germany must not allow themselves to be deceived and they must look in the face the fact that America can not be an arbitrator in the fight between Germany and Great Britain.

It would be an ostrich policy, the newspaper declares, not to recognize

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EMPEROR BETTER.

(Associated Press Bulletin.)
BERLIN, via The Hague and London, 10 p. m., Dec. 12.—Emperor William's condition continues to improve according to an official statement issued today. The catastrophic symptoms have wholly disappeared and His Majesty's temperature is normal.

First Day New York Stock Ex-
change Resumes Functions
as Money Market.

MUCH CONFIDENCE SHOWN

Prices of Almost All Stocks in
Trading Opens Well in Ad-
vance of July 30 Closing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The stock exchange today resumed its regular functions as one of the leading financial markets of the world. The resumption was accompanied by a display of much confidence and enthusiasm on the part of the members many of whom were in attendance. The galleries were crowded with interested onlookers.

Prices of almost all the stocks in which trading was permitted opened well in advance of July 30 closing quotation and gathered greater momentum as the two-hour session progressed. Many substantial advances were registered while declines were few and unimportant.

Trading is Restricted.
Trading was on the restricted basis fixed by the officials of the exchange. It was confined to a little more than one-quarter of the total number of listed and approved stocks and was strictly for cash.

The business was further circumscribed by the absence from the regular trading list of a number of international favorites such as Union Pacific, Great Northern, Baltimore and Ohio, New York Central and United States Steel.

The purpose in keeping these speculated favorites out of the open market had its origin in the knowledge that they were largely held abroad and their unrestricted offering, it was feared, might invite an avalanche of selling orders.

Lack of Selling Pressure.
As a matter of fact today's brief session was surprisingly conspicuous for its lack of selling pressure. The movement was mostly in the order way. Total transactions in stocks amounted to about 114,000 shares with bond sales (par value) at around one million dollars. The most active stock was Reading, that issue retaining its leadership for the full two hours with an exchange of over 23,000 shares. Amalgamated Copper, Erie, American Can, Lehigh Valley, some of the lesser coppers and the local tractions helped swell the total.

TRUCE

Efforts of the Pope Are Official-
ly Outlined in the Vati-
can Organ.

ROME, 3:25 p. m., Dec. 12.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, referring to the efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about a truce during the Christmas season among the warring powers says:

"The august pontiff, in homage, faith and devotion to Christ, the Redeemer, who is the Prince of Peace and also by reason of sentiment of humanity and pity especially toward the families of the combatants, addressed confidentially the belligerent governments to ascertain how they would receive the proposal of a truce during such a solemn festival as Christmas."

"All the powers declared that they highly appreciated the loftiness of the pontifical initiative. A majority gave their sympathetic adherence to the proposal but some did not feel able to agree to it. Thus, lacking the necessary unanimity, the pontiff has been unable to reach the benevolent result which the paternal heart of His Holiness promised himself."

NO NEW PROJECT

Is to Be Included in Rivers and
Harbors Appropriation Bill
This Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Agreement that no new project shall be included in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill was practically reached today by the House committee. The bill for which estimates aggregating \$48,000,000 was submitted by the army engineers exclusive of new projects will carry approximately \$30,000,000, according to the present plan. This will include already authorized projects and maintenance of work already completed. The bill will be ready before the Christmas recess.

NEW CANAL SLIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—A private despatch to W. H. Grace and Company received here today from the Panama canal zone stated that a new slide in the Culebra cut would cause a delay of about two days to shipping. No details were given.